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Re: Williams Report

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Attached is the 2009 Williams Report for Stanislaus County schools. In compliance with stated law, every County Office of Education in California is required to send this report to its County Board of Supervisors on an annual basis. The report also goes to the County Board of Education and each School District Board of Education identified in the report.

This is an information item. No action is required by the Board of Supervisors.

If you have questions about the report or the process please contact Jane Johnston in my office.

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Williams Annual Report November, 2009

Background

In May 2000, the ACLU and other public interest advocates representing students across the State, filed a lawsuit against the State of California, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Board of Education and the California Department of Education. The lawsuit claimed that the State failed to provide poor and underprivileged students with equal educational opportunities.

Governor Schwarzenegger settled the lawsuit in 2004, and the California legislature enacted several laws to implement the settlement. The main focus of the settlement was to ensure that:

- All students have access to standards-aligned instructional materials and textbooks.
- All students have access to school facilities that are clean, safe and functional.
- All teachers are properly assigned and have proper certification or training.

The settlement also imposed additional reporting requirements for the School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) that schools are required to complete each year.

California Education Code Section 1240 now requires County Superintendents to monitor and report on schools that have an API rank (Academic Performance Index) in the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd decile to ensure minimum standards are met. Beginning with the 2007-08 academic year, the 2006 base API is being used. In Stanislaus County the list includes 29 schools in seven districts (list attached). One additional charter school opted in to the process bringing the total number of schools to 30.

Note: The eligibility list will be updated every three years. The next update will be based on the 2009 API to be used in the Williams monitoring process beginning academic year 2010-11.

Review and Reporting Process

The review process includes school site visits within the first four weeks of each school year, and a review of records. Twenty-five percent of the site visits must be unannounced with the remaining 75% scheduled in advance. The process culminates with an annual written report to district and county school boards as well as reports to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. Quarterly follow-up reports are required as well starting with the 2006-07 Williams monitoring process.

In addition to the site visits, annual reporting, and quarterly follow-up reports, districts are required to post, in every classroom, a supplement to their Uniform Complaint Policies and

Procedures that includes information on how to report deficiencies covered by the Williams Settlement. Districts compile the information quarterly and report status of the complaints and resolution of deficiencies to the County Office.

Summary of Findings

1. **Site Visits** - SCOE representatives visited 30 schools, four of which were visited twice due to year-round schedules. Twenty-five percent of the visits were unannounced as required by law.
2. **Instructional Materials** – Three schools were identified as having insufficient instructional materials. All schools remedied the insufficiencies in a timely manner.
3. **Facilities** – No schools were identified as having “emergency facility needs,” defined as an urgent threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff. No schools were identified as “not in good repair,” defined as not maintained in a manner that assures that it is clean, safe and functional. Some deficiencies were noted at 28 of the 30 schools visited, and included items such as cracked windows, missing and damaged ceiling tiles and the need for painting. Items such as these are generally mitigated through routine school custodial and maintenance services.
4. **Credentials** – A total of 25 misassignments were noted at 14 schools. All but six misassignments at four schools were resolved. These misassignments were included in SCOE’s annual report to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.
5. **School Accountability Report Cards (SARC’s)** - School Accountability Report Cards for all Williams schools were reviewed. SCOE reviewed the areas related to facilities and instructional materials.
 - All schools included data regarding instructional materials.
 - Three included minor discrepancies such as failure to list publication dates.
 - All schools included data regarding their facilities inspections, however, several schools failed to list the month and year the data was collected. This discrepancy continues to be an issue and will be addressed with all Williams schools prior to publication of the next SARC’s.
6. **Uniform Complaint Reports** – For the period of October 2008 through September 2009, SCOE received one report from a district indicating they had received a complaint. This complaint was resolved.

**Williams Agreement
2008 Schools/Districts (Deciles 1-3)
Stanislaus County**

| District | School |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Ceres | Adkinson Elementary |
| | Caswell Elementary |
| | White Elementary |
| Keyes | Keyes Elementary |
| Modesto City | Bret Harte Elementary |
| | Burbank Elementary |
| | El Vista Elementary |
| | Fairview Elementary |
| | Franklin Elementary |
| | Garrison Elementary |
| | Kirschen Elementary |
| | Marshall Elementary |
| | Robertson Road Elementary |
| | Shackelford Elementary |
| | Tuolumne Elementary |
| | Wright Elementary |
| | Hanshaw Middle |
| Mark Twain Jr. High | |
| Patterson | Las Palmas Elementary |
| | Northmead Elementary |
| | Grayson Charter |
| | Creekside Middle |
| Riverbank | Rio Altura Elementary |
| | Riverbank High |
| Stanislaus Union | Chrysler Elementary |
| | Eisenhut Elementary |
| | Muncy Elementary |
| Turlock | Cunningham Elementary |
| | Osborn Elementary |
| | Wakefield Elementary |